

## WASHINGTON COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

## **DISPLAY POLICY**

The library develops displays to highlight new materials, provide information on a variety of subjects, and to stimulate interest in library collections, services, and resources. Library displays align with the library mission statement: "to promote ideas, inspire lifelong learning, and strengthen communities."

- I. Guidelines for all Library displays:
  - a. appropriate for the age group
  - b. inspires lifelong learning and strengthens our community
  - c. highlights seasonal events, holidays, presidential proclamations, etc.
  - d. Represents a broad spectrum of perspectives
  - e. Highlights materials of historical or regional relevance
  - f. Features materials related to community events.
  - g. Represents materials for various genres, trends, or cultures
  - h. Displays should not:
    - i. Promote a specific religion, political party, or other special interest group.
    - ii. Promote or advertise for-profit organizations or the sale of items
    - iii. Contain hate speech or obscenity.
- II. Approval of Library displays:
  - a. Children's Librarians are responsible for developing children's displays
  - b. Reference Librarians are responsible for developing all other library displays
  - c. Branch managers approve displays at their location
  - d. The library director has final authority to modify, change, or remove a display.
  - e. Patrons may request review of library displays by submitting the library request for reconsideration form. (attached)

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